

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-2, 4-18, 20, and 29-30 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 8, and 18 have been amended to incorporate the features of cancelled claims 3, 12, and 19, respectively. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103


The features of cancelled claims 3, 12 and 19 have been incorporated into claims 1, 8, and 18, respectively. Former claims 3, 12, and 19 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over US Patent Application Number 2005/0132515 to Boyd. US Patent Application Number 2005/0132515 and the subject matter of the current invention, at the time the invention was made, were owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, the same person. Accordingly, Boyd is not a valid reference. Applicants submit that amended claims 1, 8, and 18 and their corresponding dependent claims are allowable for at least these reasons.

While the Applicants disagree with the Examiner's analysis of Lin, as Lin is a washing unit that a person rides on to wash the sides of buildings and is not related to the cleaning of substrates as defined in the claims and specification, the Applicants have made amendments to move the application forward in prosecution. Furthermore, Lin requires that the washing unit be vertically side by side with the building to take advantage of gravity and cannot be horizontally disposed over a substrate as claimed.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner

may reach the undersigned at (408) 774-6921. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P464). A copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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